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In re Application of:
Beachy et al.

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Pathways, Compositions and Uses Related
Thereto



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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed June 27, 2002, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

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1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting unwanted activation of a *hedgehog-patched* pathway in an animal, comprising administering to the animal a composition comprising a purified organic molecule having a molecular weight less than 750 amu in an amount sufficient to reduce the activation of the *hedgehog-patched* pathway in a cell, wherein the organic molecule interacts with *smoothened* and lessens the severity of a *hedgehog* gain-of-function, *patched* loss-of-function, or *smoothened* gain-of-function phenotype.